

# Muriel Wheeler - Regulator of the Year

On April 24, 2012, our very own Muriel Wheeler received the highly distinguished honor of being selected as Regulator of the Year by the Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulators Association (OTGRA). OTGRA is a non-profit association composed of Tribal Gaming Regulatory entities representing federally recognized tribal governments involved in Oklahoma gaming.



Muriel Wheeler (Right) was recently selected as “Regulator of the Year” by the Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulators Association (OTGRA) (Photo provided)

Currently, 31 Oklahoma tribes are members of the OTGRA. The OTGRA was established in 2006 to enable Indian gaming regulators to network within the State of Oklahoma on all issues pertaining to the ever changing Federal, State, and Tribal gaming regulations.

Muriel Wheeler serves as the Executive Director of the Sac and Fox Gaming Commission and is

also a Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Member. Muriel has worked for the Gaming Commission for over 7 years and been a part of Indian Gaming for over 10 years. This well-deserved award for Muriel’s hard work and leadership reflects her strong dedication to ensuring safe and fair gaming for the public while making certain that benefits ensue to the people of the Sac and Fox Nation through jobs and program funding. Additionally, Muriel’s recognition sheds a favorable light on not only her, but also on the Nation and our Gaming Commission staff who work hard under her supportive direction. Congratulations, Muriel, for being selected by your peers across the state for such a great honor!



Charles Edwin Deere Jr.

Charles Edwin Deere, Jr. was born April 17, 2012 at 10:47 a.m. He weighed at 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches in length. Parents are Misty Boley and Charles E. Deere, Sr. The grandparents are Sherry Fixico and Johnny W. Deere, Sr. Great Grandparents are Peggy P. Ellis and Charles W. Deere. Great Great Grandparents are the late Myrtle and Edgar Ellis.

## Lets Rodeo With The Little Guys!!!

This year, the Sac and Fox Nation Rodeo Association is hosting the Northeast Junior Rodeo Association (NJRA) rodeo on July 13 and 14, 2012 (slack performance on July 12<sup>th</sup>). The Association is one of the largest junior rodeo organizations in northeast Oklahoma. In 2010, the NJRA had 132 members. Of these members, 82 qualified for the finals with 49 being Native American. Their rodeos consist of 4 age categories; 6 years old and under, 7-9 years old, 10-13 years old, 14-18 years old. The NJRA finals are held in August, at which time 2 stock trailers are awarded. In addition, added money is given

away during the finals along with 36 saddles, over 120 buckles and jackets and shirts to the finalist contestants. The association is designed for everyone to be a winner. The officers, judges and board members of the association are not paid for their positions and the rules and by-laws are written in favor of the contestants to encourage them to participate in the sport we all love ... RODEO! So, mark your calendars and come out to support these future rodeo champions July 13 and 14, 7 pm. Admission is \$5 adults, \$3 children 13 and younger. Free admission to Sac and Fox tribal members.

## BRASS KETTLE MISSING

Would the individual(s) who knowingly or unknowingly took the brass kettle from the Wakoshehaki (Fox) Feast on May 6, 2012 PLEASE return it? To knowingly take something that does not belong to you from a Thakiwaki religious ceremony is not only a crime, but a shameful act!

The brass kettles used that day have been in use now for many generations by so many of your old time Sauk and are cherished items, just the same as any family heirloom may be to the many of us who have them. Sadly, this is not the first time one of these brass kettles have gone missing. This time 10 went out, only 9 came back. We’re doing our best to resolve this quickly and privately.

The very small possibility

does exist that it could be a miscount, no one is perfect, multiple people count more than once to verify the accuracy of the count however. Because of the ceremonial importance and historical significance of the item and the utmost care that goes into the witnessed count at times of ceremonial usage, to consensus by all present, we must first treat this as a missing or stolen item you must understand.

If you have the brass kettle or know who does PLEASE contact Sam Spang (918-968-3030).

Mr. Spang is responsible for its return to the owner and will receive it, no questions asked.

Sincerely,  
R. Sam Spang  
FDPIR Director  
Sac and Fox Nation

SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION	
REVENUE	
March 2012	
Tobacco Tax.....	\$23,956.80
Wholesale Tobacco Tax.....	\$52,467.09
Motor Vehicle.....	\$2,791.00
Sales Tax.....	\$11,745.81
Treasury.....	\$130.00
Oil & Gas.....	\$776.49
Gaming.....	\$126,794.04
TOTAL.....	\$218,661.23

# Sac & Fox Nation Casino

is accepting applications for

## General Manager, I.T. Manager, Security Manager, Marketing Manager, Food and Beverage Manager, Facilities Manager

Applicants must pass background and drug screens,  
**Native American preference.**

Submit resume by fax  
**@ 405-395-9090** or  
visit our website at  
**sandfcasino.com**  
to apply online.

# RED EARTH

## Come Dance With Us

June 8-10, 2012

Cox Convention Center - Oklahoma City OK

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**  
Rob Daugherty  
Mike Burgess

**ARENA DIRECTORS**  
Graham Primeaux

**HOST DRUMS**  
Blackbird Singers  
Otter Trail

**INVITED DRUMS**  
Redland Singers  
Rosehill

**COMANCHE LITTLE PONIES**  
GOURD CLAN

**COLOR GUARD**  
Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard

**DANCE COORDINATOR**  
Randy Frazier

**DANCE COMPETITION CATEGORIES**

**Tiny Tots (Ages 0-5) – Daily Awards**  
**Jr Boys & Jr Girls (Age 6-12)**  
1st \$100; 2nd \$75; 3rd \$50  
Boys: Traditional/Straight; Fancy/Grass  
Girls: Cloth/Buckskin; Fancy Shawl/Jingle Dress

**Teen Boys & Teen Girls (Age 13-17)**  
1st \$200; 2nd \$150; 3rd \$100  
Boys: Traditional/Straight; Fancy/Grass  
Girls: Cloth/Buckskin; Fancy Shawl/Jingle Dress

**Adults (Ages 18-59)**  
1st \$1,000; 2nd \$600; 3rd \$400; 4th \$200  
Men: Traditional/Straight; Fancy/Grass  
Women: Buckskin; Cloth; Fancy Shawl; Jingle Dress

**Senior (Ages 60+)**  
1st \$1,000; 2nd \$600; 3rd \$400; 4th \$200  
Men: Southern/Northern Category  
Women: Southern/Northern Category

**3-DAY PASS**  
\$20 Adult (18-59) • \$15 Senior (60+) • \$15 Youth (6-17)  
5 & under free w/paid adult

**SCHEDULE**

**GRAND ENTRIES**  
Friday – Noon and 7 pm  
Saturday – Noon and 7 pm  
Sunday – Noon

**DANCER REGISTRATION**  
Thursday, June 7 – 3 to 7 pm  
Friday, June 8 – 8:30 am to 5 pm  
Saturday, June 9 – 10 am to 12 Noon

**Special Tot Grand Entry & Contest**  
3 Places - Boys & Girls  
Sunday, June 10  
Sponsored by Changing Winds Cultural Society

**Dance Honoring Veterans**  
Saturday June 9, 7 pm

**RED EARTH PARADE**  
Friday, June 8, 9:00 am  
NO PARADE POINTS  
Participate in parade for chance to win Prizes

**RED EARTH MENS FANCY**  
SPECIAL - ALL AGES  
1st \$400 2nd \$300  
3rd \$200 4th \$100

**Special Ladies Eastern Cloth**  
1st \$400 2nd \$300  
3rd \$200 4th \$100

\*Signature of parent or guardian is required for dancers ages 17 and under. Dancers required to show photo ID with DOB.  
\*Red Earth reserves the right to combine categories. Registered dancers may only compete in one category.

The Cox Convention Center does not allow outside food or beverage into the building.

**PAYING TO THE CIRCLE SPECIALS**

**BOYS FANCY SPECIAL - Fri June 8**  
6-12 Years of age - 3 Places plus Trophy  
**In Honor of Dwight WhiteBuffalo, Jr.**  
Sponsored by Dwight WhiteBuffalo and Family

**STRAIGHT DANCE SPECIAL - Sat June 9**  
Open to all Ages  
**In Honor of Forest Gorman**  
Sponsored by the family and friends of Forest Gorman

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**  
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